

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~2000~~ CH-904

Address: 8935 Billingsley Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of White Plains

Owner: Morris, Leslie E and Jill T

Tax Parcel Number: 221 Tax Map Number: 13

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

8935 Billingsley Road is a one-and-one-half-story, single family dwelling with a front gable roof. The wood frame house is three bays wide with a slightly off-center entrance. The entrance is flanked by single, 1/1 double-hung, sash windows. A one-story, two-bay wide porch surrounds the eastern two bays. The porch is covered by a half-hipped roof supported with turned wood posts.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

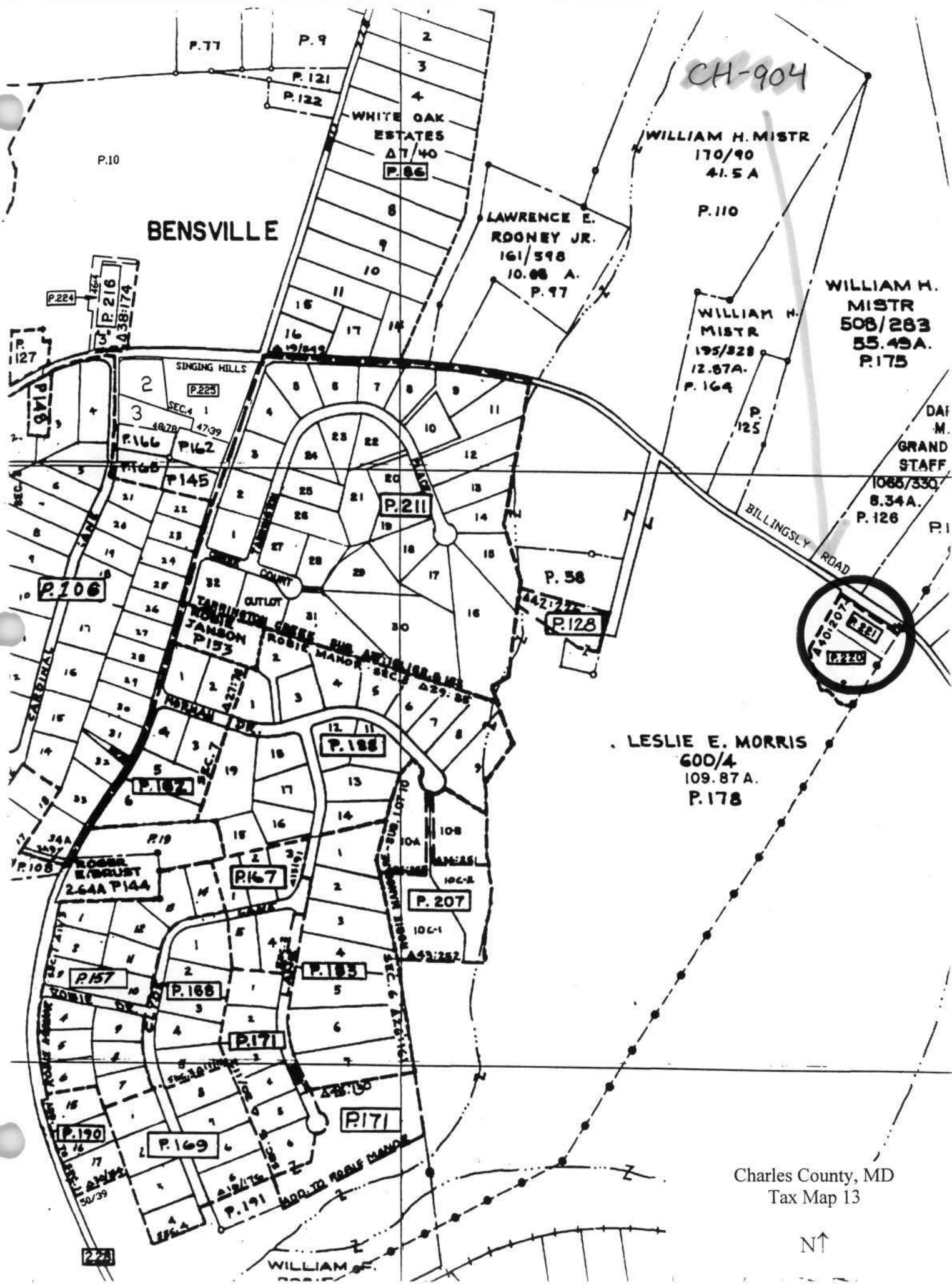

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Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Waldorf became an important interchange on the Crain Highway between the rest of Southern Maryland and Washington, D.C. and expanded in the 1920s both commercially and residentially. In 1922 in anticipation of the Crain Highway, J. Spence Howard surveyed and subdivided the village of Waldorf, which came to include such amenities as a hotel, a general store, several small shops, a two-room school, restaurants and entertainment establishments equipped with slot machines.

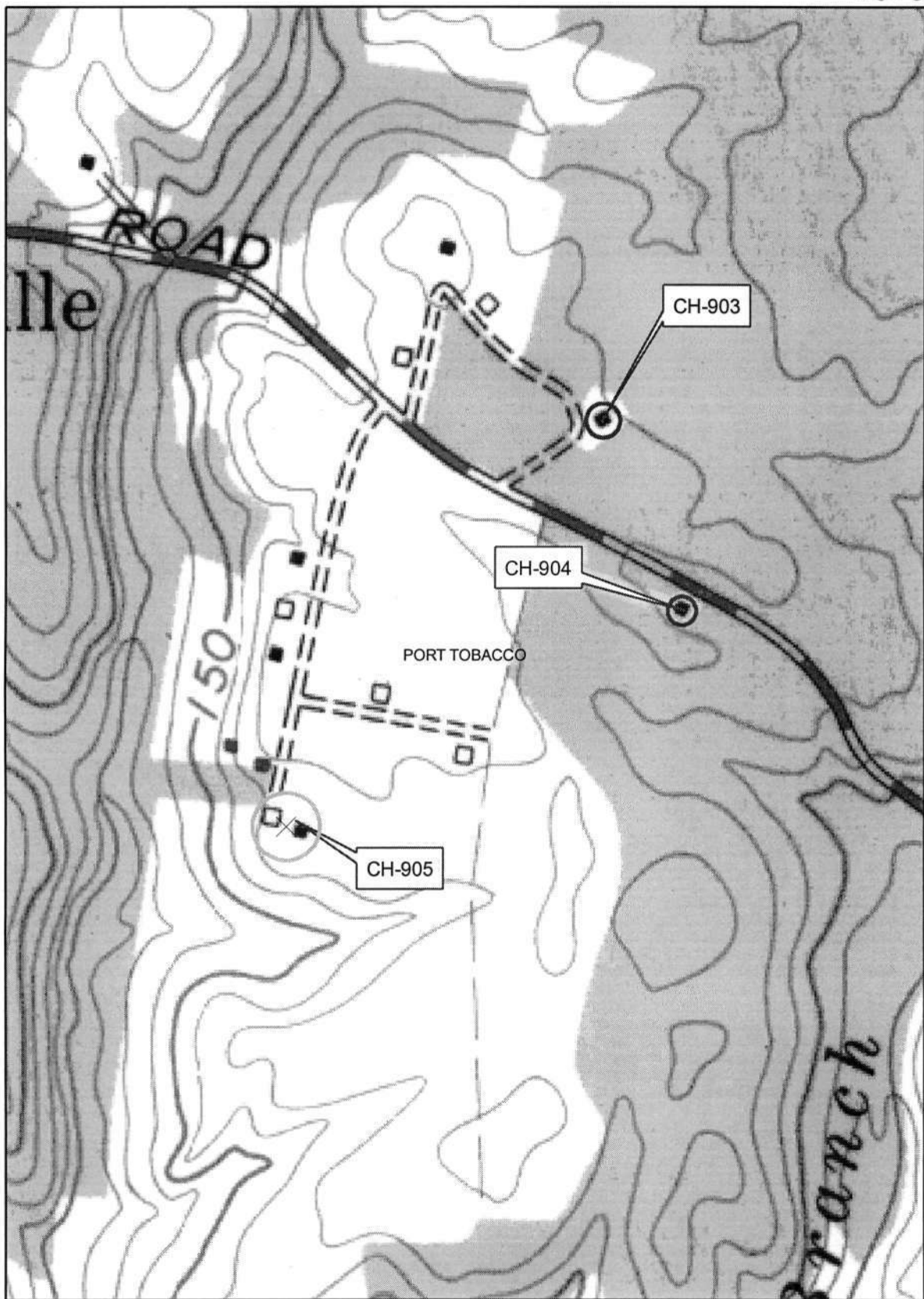
Built circa 1910, this vernacular dwelling is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development surrounding Waldorf, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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View looking southwest

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